

performance for compliance and reimbursement purposes.

*Description of Respondents:*

Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 76,733.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Quarterly; Monthly; Weekly.

*Total Burden Hours:* 316,005.

### Rural Housing Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1944-I, "Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants".

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0043.

*Summary of Collection:* This regulation prescribes policies and responsibilities, including the collection and use of information, necessary to administer the Section 523 program. Rural Housing Service (RHS) will be collecting information from the non-profit organizations who want to develop a Self-Help program in their area to increase the availability of affordable housing. The information is collected at the local, district, and state levels. The information requested by RHS includes financial and organizational information about the non-profit organization.

*Need and Use of the Information:*

RHS needs this information to determine if the organization is capable of successfully carrying out the requirements of the Self-Help program. The information is collected on an as requested or needed basis. RHS has reviewed the program's need for the collection of information versus the burden placed on the public.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: Monthly, Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 3,095.

### Rural Housing Service

*Title:* 7 CFR 1944-B, Housing Applications Packaging Grants.

*OMB Control Number:* 0575-0157.

*Summary of Collection:* Section 509 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended, authorizes the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to make grants to private and public nonprofit organizations and State and local governments to package housing applications for Section 502, 504, 514/515 and 533 to colonials and designated counties. Eligible organizations aid very low and low-income individuals and families in obtaining benefits from RHS housing programs.

*Need and Use of the Information:*

RHS field personnel use this information, required for approval of

housing application packaging grants, to verify program eligibility requirements and to secure grant assistance. The information is also to insure that the program is administered in a manner consistent with legislative and administrative requirements.

*Description of Respondents:* Not-for-profit institutions.

*Number of Respondents:* 200.

*Frequency of Responses:*

Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion.

*Total Burden Hours:* 900.

**Nancy B. Sternberg,**

*Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 20, 2000, at the Wenatchee National Forest headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3:30 p.m. Key topics for this meeting will be: Information sharing on new developments on the on-going implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan, a re-cap of the roadless area meetings, and Advisory Committee goal setting for the year 2000. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open on the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: January 3, 2000.

**Robert J. Sheehan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Rural Business-Cooperative Service

#### Inviting Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

**AGENCY:** Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of one single \$500,000 grant from the passenger transportation portion of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 to be competitively awarded to a qualified national organization.

**DATES:** The deadline for receipt of a preapplication in the Rural Development State Office is March 1, 2000. Preapplications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date will not be considered for FY 2000 funding.

**ADDRESSES:** For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

**Alabama**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Sterling Center, Suite 601, 4121  
Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL  
36106-3683, (334) 279-3400

**Alaska**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 800  
West Evergreen, Suite 201, Palmer, AK  
99645-6539, (907) 745-2176

**Arizona**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 900,  
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2906, (602) 280-  
8700

**Arkansas**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 700  
West Capitol Avenue, Room 3416, Little  
Rock, AR 72201-3225, (501) 301-3200

**California**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 430  
G Street, Agency 4169, Davis, CA 95616-  
4169, (530) 792-5800

**Colorado**

USDA Rural Development State Office, 655  
Parfet Street, Room E-100, Lakewood,  
CO 80215, (303) 236-2801

**Delaware-Maryland**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
4607 South DuPont Highway, Camden,  
DE 19934-9998, (302) 697-4300

**Florida/Virgin Islands**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
4440 NW 25th Place, Gainesville, FL  
32614-7010, (352) 338-3400

**Georgia**

USDA Rural Development State Office,  
Stephens Federal Building, 355 E.